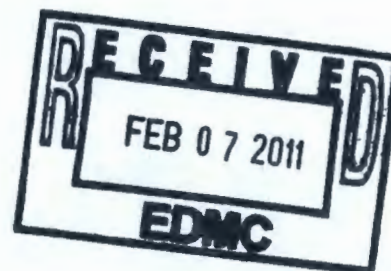




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Re: Request for Copies of Approved State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Checklists, Biological Reviews, and Cultural Resources Reviews for Specific Dangerous Waste Management Units

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Please provide to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) signed copies of the SEPA environmental checklists for the dangerous waste management units listed in Enclosure 1, by March 1, 2011.

Ecology appreciates your efforts to comply with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 197-11-100(1) by providing us advance copies of the checklists. We began our reviews using those copies, but we would like to base our threshold determinations on final copies that you have approved.

During our initial review of the SEPA checklists, Ecology found that certain information specific to the dangerous waste management units listed in Enclosure 1 was missing. As the *Instructions for applicants* in WAC 197-11-960 state, we are now asking for additional information to help describe your proposals and the environmental impacts. Please provide us copies of the Biological Reviews and Cultural Resources Reviews that your contractors completed for each of the units listed in Enclosure 1.

We will use the information in the Biological and Cultural Resources Reviews to augment the approved SEPA checklists. Without that information, we will not have enough detail to determine accurately the potential for significant adverse impacts that may result from permitting specific units for operation or closure. If we make our threshold determinations using draft information, they will be based on our understanding of potentially affected resources. This could result in overly conservative estimates of impacts and necessary mitigation measures, which could be reflected in the permit conditions.

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To avoid affecting completion of the threshold determinations, we request that you provide copies of the Biological Reviews and Cultural Resources Reviews, with the approved SEPA checklists, by March 1, 2011.

If there are questions concerning this request, please contact John Price at 509-372-7921 or Melinda Brown at 509-372-7886.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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Enclosure 1

Dangerous Waste Management Units

Unit Type	Unit Number	Unit Name	
CG ¹	9	207-A S. Retention Basin	S-2-7
CG	11	216-A-29 Ditch	D-2-3
CG	12	216-A-36B	D-2-4
CG	13	216-A-37-1 Crib	D-2-10
CG	14	216-S-10 Pond & Ditch	D-2-7
CG	21	216-B-63 Trench	D-2-6
CG	22	216-B-3 Main Pond	D-2-5
CG	24	B Plant	TS-2-3
CG	25	PUREX	TS-2-6
OG ²	6	Central Waste Complex	TS-2-4
OG	7	Waste Receiving and Processing Facility	H-0-8
OG	9	T Plant	TS-2-7

¹ Closure Group

² Operating Group